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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,636,106, issued January 18, 1972;

WO 99/29663, published June 17, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 3,541,146, issued November 17, 1970;

U.K. Patent No. 1,440,624, published June 23, 1976;

U.K. Patent No. 1,196,657, published July 1, 1970; and

Nitrogen, No. 157, September-October 1985.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

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